REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 4, 2000 with claims 1-27. Claims 1, 11, 14, 18 and 28 have been amended. Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application and claims 1, 11, 14, 18 and 28 are the pending independent claims.

In the outstanding final Office Action dated December 2, 2004, the Examiner: (i) provisionally rejected claims 1 and 11 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting; (ii) rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, 18-20, 24, 25 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,473,778 to Gibbon (hereinafter "Gibbon"); (iii) rejected claims 4, 12 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,570,221 to Martens (hereinafter "Martens"); (iv) rejected claims 5 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,564,380 to Murphy (hereinafter "Murphy"); (v) rejected claims 6 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,397,219 to Mills (hereinafter "Mills"); (vi) rejected claims 9 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon in view of Murphy and U.S. Patent No. 6,317,151 to Oshuga et al. (hereinafter "Oshuga"); (vii) rejected claims 10 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon in view of Murphy and U.S. Patent No. 6,564,368 to Beckett et al. (hereinafter "Beckett"); (viii) rejected claims 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon in view of Beckett; and (ix) rejected claims 3 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon.

With regard to the rejection of claims 1 and 11 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1 and 11 of copending Application No. 09/727,491, claims 1 and 11 have been amended and recite that the description file comprises a user-specified a vocabulary that defines rich media and relationships between rich media. Further claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite that the content file, or MVR file, and the description file are combined in accordance with the user-specified vocabulary. The claims of the copending application fail to recite or suggest these limitations. According, withdrawal of the provisional rejection of claims 1 and 11 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting is therefore respectfully requested.

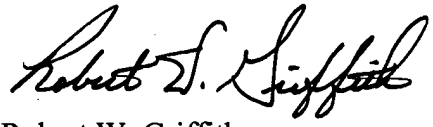
With regard to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, 18-20, 24, 25 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gibbon, independent claims 1, 11, 18 and 28 have been amended to recite that the description file comprises a user-specified vocabulary that defines media content and relationships between media content. Further, independent claims 1, 11, 18 and 28 have been amended to recite that the content file, or MVR file, and the description file are combined in accordance with the user-specified vocabulary. Support for the amendments can be found on page 3 lines 5-15 of the specification. Gibbon discloses a rendering engine that processes multimedia descriptors and applies a template set to create an HTML representation. However, Gibbon fails to disclose that a template that comprises a user-specified vocabulary that defines media content and relationships between media content. Gibbon also fails to disclose that the rendering engine applies a template in accordance with the user-specified vocabulary.

Dependent claims 2, 7, 8, 19, 20, 24 and 25 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependency from independent claims 1 and 18, and also recite patentable subject matter in their own right. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11, 18-20, 24, 25 and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is therefore respectfully requested.

With regard to the rejection of claims 3-6, 9, 10, 12-17, 21-23, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gibbon in view of numerous respective secondary references, Applicants assert that such claims are patentable for at least the reason described above with regard to Gibbon. The combination of Gibbon with one or all of the secondary references fails to disclose, suggest or render obvious a description file that comprises a user-specified vocabulary that defines media content and relationships between media content. The combination also fails to disclose, suggest or render obvious the combination of a content file, or MVR file, and a description file in accordance with the user-specified vocabulary. Further, dependent claims 3-6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15-17, 21-23, 26 and 27 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependency from independent claims 1, 11, 14 and 18, and also recite patentable subject matter in their own right. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 3-6, 9, 10, 12-17, 21-23, 26 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-28 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections.

Respectfully submitted,



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